DPSCS REORGANIZATION

REGIONAL INTEGRATION, FINDING EFFICIENCIES, IMPROVING RE-ENTRY

Maryland Department of Public Safety & Correctional Services

Why Reorganize

DPSCS reorganization focuses on successful offender reentry and lower recidivism. Seamless integration of DPSCS divisions breaks down vertically siloed custody and supervision operations. Operational and communications efficiencies result.

Regional Integration

■ A regionally-based DPSCS across three areas of the state – North, Central and South

Finding Efficiencies

Better-served offenders flow through DPSCS system efficiently, utilizing fewer resources

Improving Reentry

 Leveraging a new Offender Case Management System, DPSCS operational shift improves offender rehabilitation process

Current DPSCS Challenges

DPSCS custody and supervision operational structure make fluid movement of offenders from sentencing to rehabilitation difficult.

- Siloed divisions, redundant efforts
 - Divisions can be rigid/inflexible/narrowly focused inward
 - Barriers to communication historically overly complex, not timely
 - Duplication in divisional programming efforts
- Non-integrated offender services
 - Inefficient inter-division case planning/mental-health services/program coordination
 - Difficult offender transition between divisions
 - Ultimately affects successful offender reentry
- Under-developed local relationships/focus on locally available services
 - Not maximizing community resources family, housing, treatment, employment services
 - Inmates spread across system, inefficient family/legal counsel linkage prior to release

DPSCS Re-Org Benefits

Reorganization seamlessly integrates three DPSCS divisions, breaking through vertically siloed custody and supervision operations.

- Breaking down silos for offender/maximizing resources
 - Integrated efforts/info sharing across flattened regions, not vertical divisional operations
 - Divisional disciplines remain the same; new structure focuses on successful reentry
- Integrated operations/programs across the Department
 - Deputy Secretary position oversees three operational regions North, South, Central
 - Regional Directors coordinate custody & supervision operations & programs
- Regional approach creates better population management
 - Dynamic, sequential case-planning creates efficient & faster parole process
 - DPSCS regions better matches offender needs with local resources
 - Community-based programming, drug treatment, job placement, housing resources
- Establishes better relationships with county detention systems
 - Backed by OCMS, locals can begin doing DOC intake and eventual release

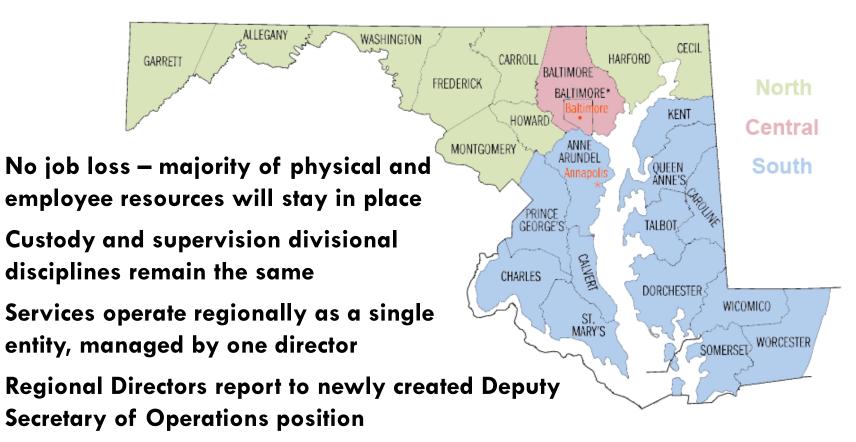
Staff Development

A regionally-based, reorganized DPSCS promotes increased skills sets through cross-training opportunities between custody and supervision disciplines.

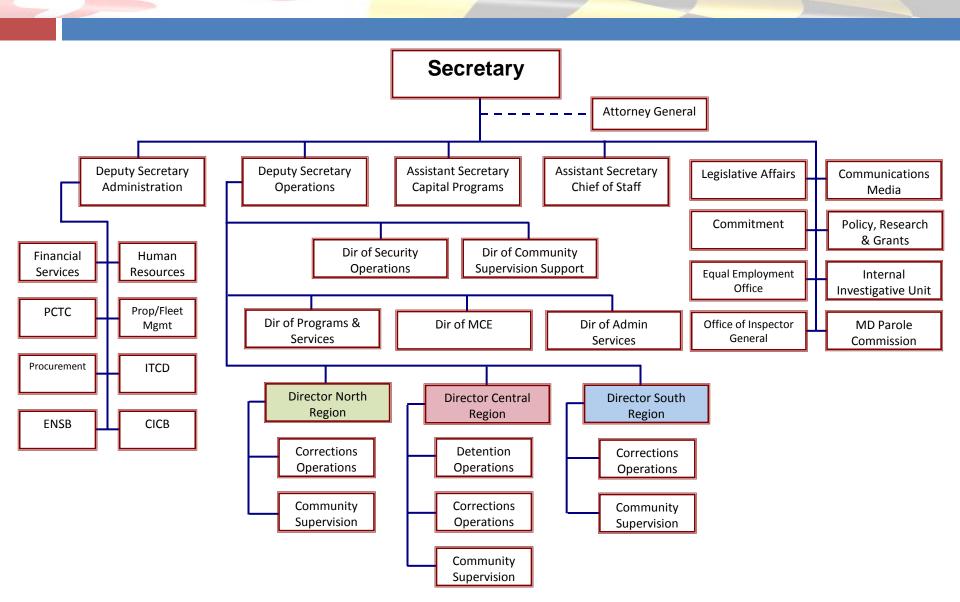
- Flattened regions combine custody and supervision operations under a single entity
- Current DPDS/DOC/DPP staff will remain the same but integrated operations will rely on an effective understanding of both custody and supervision processes
- Exposure to the various experiences of pre trial, corrections and community supervision which our staff are now segregated from

Regional Integration

Reorganized DPSCS is regionally-based across three areas of the state – North, Central and South.



New DPSCS



Finding Efficiencies

Flattened operations makes information and offenders flow through DPSCS system more efficient and effective, utilizing fewer resources.

Integration of resources

- Vast majority of personnel resources won't move
- Less than 1% of positions will be reclassified
- Cost neutral, not adding resources or costs

Reduction of duplicated services

- Creates operational efficiencies/eventual cost reductions combining redundant functions in various agencies
 - Treatment, victims services, fiscal and personnel functions, policy and review, audit, incident review, among others
- Improves communication between divisions
- More effective delivery of offender programming and services

Improving Reentry

Shift in DPSCS operations improves offender rehabilitation process, leveraging three-year, \$15 million investment into a new Offender Case Management System.

- OCMS integrates data flow, reorganization integrates operations
- Creates more dynamic sequential offender case-planning between divisions
- Specific offender rehabilitation needs better matched to regionally available programming and services
- Better case-planning creates more effective and faster parole process